

THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the first meeting of the Approvals Panel held on **Thursday 12 January 2006** at Park House, 184 Kennington Park Road, London SE11 4BU.

PRESENT: Ms H Davis (Chairman)
Professor T Hazell
Professor D Waller

IN ATTENDANCE:

Mr C Bendall, Secretary to the Committee
Miss N O'Sullivan, Secretary to Council
Ms K Scott, Acting Education Manager

Item 1.06/01 APPOINTMENT OF PANEL CHAIRMAN

- 1.1 The Panel agreed that Ms Davis should act as Chairman for the meeting.

Item 2.06/02 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 2.1 The Panel approved the agenda, subject to the inclusion of three items which had been tabled:-
 - (i) Programmes for Approval - Roehampton University: MA Dramatherapy - For discussion/approval (to be considered as part of item 3)
 - (ii) Education Provider Observations on Visitors' Reports - University of Abertay Dundee: BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science - For discussion/approval (to be considered as part of item 3)
 - (iii) Guidance for the Approvals Panel - To note.

Item 3.06/03 VISITORS' REPORTS

- 3.1 The Panel received a paper for discussion/approval from the Executive.
- 3.2 The Panel noted that Professor Waller had been one of the Visitors to the M.A. Drama and Movement Therapy (Sesame) programme at the Central

School of Speech and Drama. The Panel agreed that Professor Waller should withdraw from the meeting for the discussion of that report.

- 3.3 The Panel agreed that the following programmes should be approved upon recommendation from the HPC Visitors in attendance at the event:-

Education Provider	Programme Name	Mode of Delivery
Central School of Speech and Drama	MA Drama and Movement Therapy (Sesame)	Full time
Glasgow Caledonian University	PG Dip Dietetics and MSc Dietetics	Full time/ Part time
The University of Roehampton	MA in Art Therapy	Part time
Coventry University	BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy	Full time
London Metropolitan University	Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals	Part time
Roehampton University	MA Dramatherapy	Full time

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- 3.4 The Panel noted that the Visitors' Report for MA in Art Therapy at the University of Roehampton required, under point 2.2 of the Standards of Education and Training, that students should have at least a British Council International English Language Testing System band 6 qualifications in both the reading and writing sections. The Panel noted that, in contrast, the Visitors' Report for BSc (Hons) Physiotherapy at Coventry University required a level equivalent to band 7. The Panel agreed that the issue of English language requirements should be raised at the next meeting of the Education and Training Committee, as part of the discussion on matters arising from Panels.

- 3.5 The Panel noted the Visitors' Reports for the following programmes which were in the process of meeting conditions set by the HPC:-

Education Provider	Programme Name
University of Bolton	Non-medical Prescribing Programme
University of Wolverhampton	Supplementary Prescribing for Allied Health Professionals

- 3.6 The Panel noted that the deadline for conditions to be met for the Supplementary Prescribing programme at the University of Wolverhampton was 23 January 2006. The Panel noted that the Visitors would be asked to confirm whether or not conditions had been met. If the conditions had been met, the Visitors' final report and recommendation for approval would be submitted to a future Panel meeting.

- 3.7 The Panel noted the Visitors' Report for the BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science programme at the University of Abertay Dundee and the observations from the education provider. The education provider had made observations on condition 4 (the funding for the teaching element of the programme must be confirmed by the University) and condition 5 (develop documentation for all of the Practice Placement Standards by mid-April). The reason given for condition 5 included a requirement for funding for backfilling of trainers' staff posts and a requirement for funding and appointment of a placement officer.

- 3.8 The Panel agreed that the education provider could not reasonably be expected to resolve the funding of hospital staff so that placements could be offered to students. The Panel agreed that condition 4 should be removed from the report and that the reason given for condition 5 should not refer to funding for backfilling of posts or the need for funding and appointment of a placement officer. The Panel agreed that the Visitors' report should be amended as discussed.

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- 3.9 The Panel approved the following minor changes following recommendations from the Visitors:-

Education Provider	Programme Name	Summary of change
University of Central England	BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography	Minor changes in response to internal review

Action: KS (by 2 February 2006)

Item 4.06/04 GUIDANCE FOR THE APPROVALS PANEL

- 4.1 The Panel received a paper to note from the Executive.
- 4.2 The Panel noted the guidance setting out options which could be considered by the Panel following the receipt of the Visitors Report and any observations by the education provider.

Item 5.06/05 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 5.1 There was no other business.

Item 6.06/06 DATE AND TIME OF THE NEXT MEETING

- 6.1 The next meeting would be held on Thursday 2nd February 2006 at 11.00 a.m.

Subsequent meetings:-

Thursday 2nd March 2006 (same day as Approvals Committee)

Thursday 6th April 2006

Wednesday 17th May 2006 (same day as Approvals Committee)

Thursday 8th June 2006

Tuesday 4th July 2006

Thursday 3rd August 2006

Tuesday 5th September 2006 (same day as Approvals Committee)

Tuesday 10th October 2006

Thursday 2nd November 2006 (same day as Approvals Committee)

Wednesday 13th December 2006

CHAIRMAN

DATE